(b) Renewable power is mainly private investment driven. To encourage its deployment fiscal and financial incentives are being provided that include capital/interest subsidy, accelerated depreciation, concessional duties and relief from income-tax on profits made from sale of renewable power, apart from preferential tariffs for grid-interactive power being given in most potential States. These apart, publicity and awareness on the usefulness of renewable energy systems/devices are being created through print, postal and electronic media besides organization of special events like the Rajiv Gandhi Akshay Urja Diwas. In addition, District-level Advisory Committees have been constituted in states to facilitate promotion and effective coordination of renewable energy schemes/programmes.

Pending hydro electric power projects

4202. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of large and small hydro electric power projects pending with his Ministry and the number of projects sanctioned during the last two years, particularly in Maharashtra;

(b) the details of support and co-operation Government are giving to the entrepreneurs for successful implementation of small and large hydro projects in the country; and

(c) whether Government have received any complaints; if so, what are the major objections Government are going to address in the coming days so that targets fixed by Government can be achieved till 2012?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) This Ministry has been giving Central Financial Assistance (CFA) for setting up hydro power projects upto 25 MW station capacity. Proposals for the grant of CFA are received on a regular basis. At times, these proposals are found to be incomplete or not in line with the provisions of the schemes. Complete proposals are considered and approved subject to budget provisions. During the last two years, i.e., 2005-06 and 2006-07, the Ministry has given CFA for (i) detailed project report preparation for 93 potential small hydro power (SHP) projects, (ii) 38 new SHP projects, (iii) 57 ongoing SHP projects, inciuding 2 in Maharashtra, and (iv) 875 watermills.

(b) Details of the support currently provided by this Ministry for the development of SHP sector are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) No, Sir. However, no major obstacle is envisaged at this juncture for the attainment of proposed target of 1400 MW for SHP during the 11th Plan.

Statement

Details of support provided by MNRE for the development of the SHP sector

Sl. No	Schemes	Areas	Incentives/Subsidy	
	Capacity of Project		Identification of upto 50 new sites and perspective plan	dentification of more than 50 new sites and perspective plan
I.	Identification of new potential SHP sites & preparation of State perspective plan	Special category States (N.E. Region, Sikkim, J&K, H.P. & Uttaranchal)	50% of the proposed cost limited to Rs. 15.00 lakhs	50% of the proposed cost limited to Rs. 33.00 lakhs
		Other States	50% of the proposed cost limited to Rs. 15.00 lakhs	50% of the proposed cost limited to Rs. 22.50 lakhs
II.	Small Hydro Power Projects	Special category States (NE Region, Sikkim, J&K, H.P. & Uttaranchal)	Rs. 2.25 crore X (CMW) ^0.646	
		Other States	Rs. 1.50 crore X (CMW) ^0.646	
III	Renovation & Modernisation of existing SHP projects and languishing projects in Government sector	Special category States (NE Region, Sikkim, J&K H.P. & Uttaranchal)	Rs. 1.125 crore X (CMW) ^0.646	
		Other States	Rs. 0.75 crore X (CMW) ^0.646	
IV	Development & Up-gradation of Water Mills	All over the country	75% of project cost up to Rs. 30,000/WM for mechanical application.	
			75% of project cost upto Rs. 1.00 lakh/ WM for mechanical & electrical applications or electrical applications only.	

Where 'C' stands for capacity of the project in megawatt.